

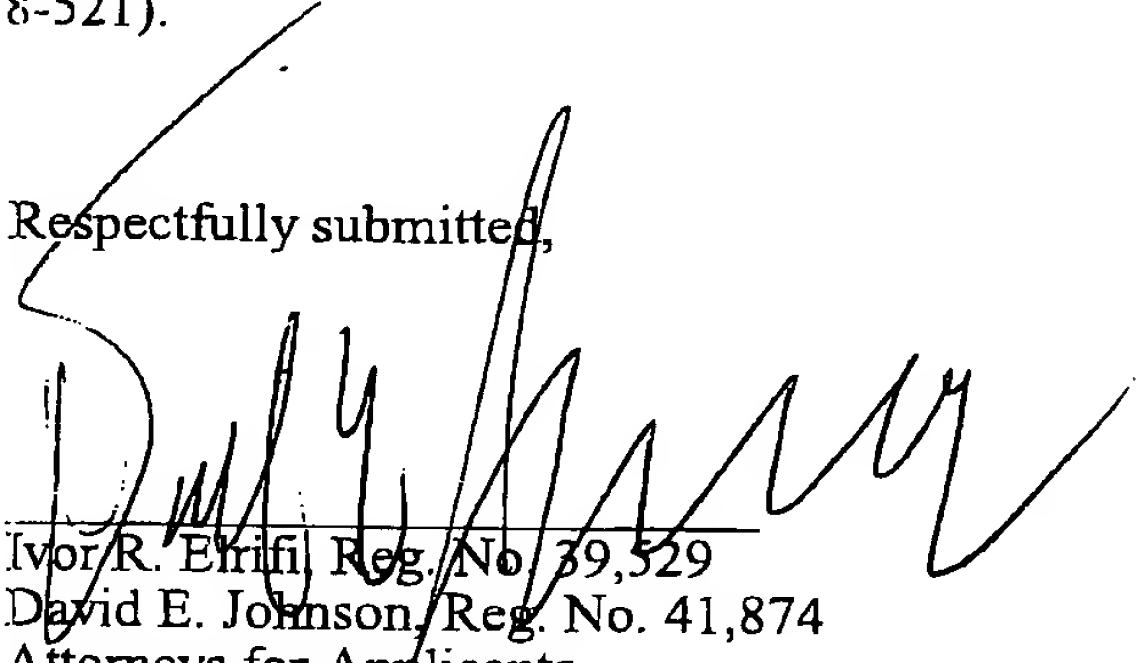
REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended in telephone conversations concerning this application. Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any questions or issues arise concerning the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 22058-521).

Respectfully submitted,

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